

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application.

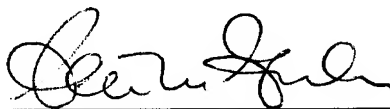
Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-13 would be allowable provided the §112, second paragraph, rejection is overcome.

The claims are hereby amended to improve their clarity. In addition to correcting the issues noted by the Examiner, "means" recitations are eliminated from the claims to avoid application of Section 112, fourth paragraph. It is noted that in claim 1, line 9, the component member is recited as being "on the drum" (rather than "affixed" to the drum, as suggested by the Examiner), since it is not necessarily affixed and may simply be laid on the drum when cutting, for example. The claims as amended are fully supported by the specification as originally filed, and the claim amendments are believed to be fully responsive to the issues raised by the Examiner.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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